Implementation of poverty allevation programme in rural areas of AP

182. SHRI M.V MYSUREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of poverty alleviation programmes being implemented in the rural areas of the country specially in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds allocation made during this period; and

(c) the details of all new poverty alleviation programmes for rural areas of the country which are formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development through State Governments and Union Territoy Administrations implements the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), and the Swamjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for poverty alleviation and employment generation in rural areas of the country. National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) was launched in November, 2004 as a preclude to NREGA and was subsumed in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), 2005 with effect from 2.2.2006. These Schemes are being implemented in all the States, including Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) State-wise of funds is done under SGSY and SGRY, whereas the NREGS is demand driven scheme. Year-wise Central allocations and releases to Andhra Pradesh under these schemes are given below:

(Rs. in lakh;

Name of the Scheme	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Central Allocation	Release	Central Allocation	Release	Central Allocation	Release
NFFWP	12214.72	12214.72	27199.63	30074.63	NA	NA
NREGS	NA	NA	NA	7624.96	NA	99961.43
SGSY	5305.97	5305.97	5305.97	5263.37	5885.70	5885.67
SGRY	23487.18	24049.88	28139.33	29453.70	10903.95	13545.64

Note: NA is Not Applicable.

Misappropriation of funds under NREG programme

183. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the extent of misappropriation of funds, based on audit exercise undertaken till now, in the National Rural Employment Guarantee programme, in relation to total spending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): Ministry of Rural Development had requested CAG to undertake performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in phase I districts. Accordindly, CAG conducted audit in 68 districts of 26 States. CAG submitted its draft report on 17.12.2007